

REMARKS

As now reworded, the claim corresponds, for example, to the operation shown in Figure 4 where clipping occurs at 54 and the clipped information is provided to the subtraction operation 64. The subtraction operation 64 subtracts the input video from the clipped information from the base layer or, in the language of the claims, first body of data.

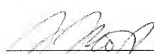
This is explained, for example, in the specification at page 13.

In contrast, in Figure 20 of the cited reference, the clipping data from the base layer decoder never goes to any differencing unit in the enhancement layer decoder. Therefore, there is a dependence on the intermediate base layer in the enhancement layer decoder.

As a result, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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